Enhancement of Import Duty on Sugar

†510. SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have enhanced the import duty on sugar being imported from abroad to strengthen the domestic sugar industry and to protect the interests of sugarcane growers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have increased the custom duty on import of sugar from 40% to 60% with effect from 9.2.2000 to discourage imports of sugar which were destabilizing the sugar industry.

Cases registered under prevention of Black Marketing

511. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases have been registered under Prevention of Black Marketing in the country, state wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that many cases have been registered in Gujarat;

(c) if so, what action is taken in reviewing and deciding such cases; and

(d) how many such cases of PBM are pending with Government till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) and (b) As per

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